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FORMER SANGER LITTLE LEAGUE COACH
INDICTED FOR RECEIVING AND POSSESSING IMAGES OF THE
SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN VIA THE INTERNET

FRESNO – United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a grand jury in Fresno returned an indictment against BRADLY NELSON, 46, of Sanger, California charging him with one count of receipt of material involving the sexual exploitation of minors and one count of possession of material involving the sexual exploitation of minors.

According to court documents previously filed in the case, the Sanger Police Department investigated NELSON for several allegations of child molestation, including an incident with a potential victim from a baseball team that NELSON had coached. NELSON was a coach in the Sanger Little League program for approximately 25 years. Agents with the Fresno County Sheriff's Department's, Computer Crimes Unit, and United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement interviewed NELSON and examined his computer. Their investigation revealed that NELSON obtained numerous images of the sexual exploitation of minors from the Internet, and which located on a computer taken from NELSON's residence.

The coordinated efforts of law enforcement in this case were undertaken as part of Project Safe Childhood (PSC). This is a United States Department of Justice initiative established to increase federal prosecutions of violent sexual predators of children, and to reduce the number of Internet crimes against children including child pornography trafficking. As a part of PSC, the United States Attorney's Office has teamed with state and local agencies and organizations to increase law enforcement presence on the Internet, and to educate the public about safe Internet use, thereby reducing the risk that children might fall prey to online sexual predators. For additional information on the PSC initiative, please go to www.projectsafefchildhood.gov or call the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California and ask to speak with the PSC coordinator.

According the Assistant United States Attorney David L. Gappa, who is prosecuting the case, punishment for receipt of child pornography carries a mandatory 5-year to a maximum 20-year prison term. Possession of child pornography is punishable for up to 10 years in prison.

Both offenses provide for a possible lifetime term of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. The actual sentence will be dictated by the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of factors, and will be imposed at the discretion of the court.

The charges are only allegations and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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